

Appln. No. 10/623,253
Amendment dated June 5, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 13, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The March 13, 2006 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, claims are amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

In the Office Action claims 1 and 2 are objected to because of certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner contends that claims 1 and 2 are not written in conventional product-by-process claim format. In response, a telephone conference was conducted with Examiner Lee on June 5, 2006. Claims 1 and 2 are amended in accordance with the telephone interview with Examiner Lee to be in more conventional product-by-process claim format. In view of the amendment of claims 1 and 2, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 1 and 2 are respectfully requested.

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PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In the Office Action claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 03277513 A. Claims 1 and 2 are also rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10315787 A. Claims 1 and 2 are further rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2000280756 A.

The present claimed invention as defined by independent claims 1 and 2 is directed to a molded product of a weatherstrip for an automobile having a thin part embedded in the molded body, a removing part is removed from the insert body by cutting the thin part after being released from the die mold, and a groove is formed at a position where the removing part existed and is present at a non-front side surface which is not seen from outside.

Although JP 03277513 A teaches a core material 13 having a clip mounting hole 13a thereon, JP 03277513 A does not disclose, teach or suggest a structure in which the core material 13 comprises a removing part and the removing part is removed from the core material 13 after being released from a die mold.

Although JP 10315787 A mentions that a hold 9a and a stepped part 9b around the hole 9a are formed at an insert member 9 and that a locking claw 11 formed at one end of a clip 10 is locked to the stepped part 9b, JP 10315787 A does not disclose, teach or

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suggest a structure in which the insert member 9 comprises a removing part and the removing part is removed from the insert member 9 after being released from a die mold.

Neither JP 03277513 A nor JP 10315787 A discloses, teaches or suggests providing a molded product by providing a structure capable of preventing formation of a groove at a front surface side of the molded product and an exposure of an insert. Neither JP 03277513 A nor JP 10315787 A discloses, teaches or suggests:

(1) the removing part is projected to expose at a non-front side surface which is not seen from outside;

(2) the thin part, cutting line, or cutting ditch is embedded in the molded body; and

(3) the groove formed after removing the removing part from the insert body after being released from the die mold is present at the non-front side surface which is not seen from outside.

Figs. 4-6 of JP 2000280756 A show cross sections of an insert member 1 embedded in a corner die molding part 21 of a weather strip 18, corresponding to the X-X portion on Fig. 3. Figs. 4-6 also show that the insert member 1 is provided with a clip part 5 and a second fitting part 13. JP 2000280756 A does not disclose, teach or suggest, however, a structure in which the core material 13 comprises a removing part and the removing part

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is removed from the core material 13 after released from a die mold.

In addition, JP 2000280756 A does not disclose, teach or suggest providing a molded product by providing a structure capable of preventing the formation of a groove at a front surface side of the molded product and an exposure of an insert. JP 2000280756 A does not disclose, teach or suggest:

(1) the removing part is projected to expose at a non-front side surface which is not seen from outside;

(2) the thin part, cutting line, or cutting ditch is embedded in the molded body; and

(3) the groove formed after removing the removing part from the insert body after being released from the die mold is present at the non-front side surface which is not seen from outside.

None of the other references of record close the gap between the present claimed invention as defined by claims 1 and 2 and the applied references. Therefore, the present claimed invention as defined by claims 1 and 2 is patentable over all of the references of record under 35 USC 102 as well as 35 USC 103.

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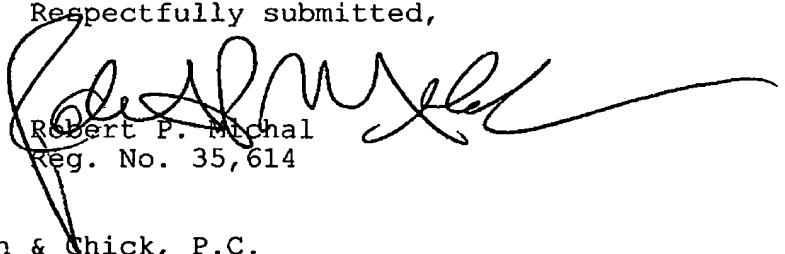
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If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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